

Chamaedaphne calyculata

Leatherleaf



Also called cassandra. Broadleaf evergreen native to swampy and boggy areas. Usually much wider than it is tall. Leathery, lustrous green leaves turn purple in winter. Small, bell-shaped white flowers are borne in sprays at the ends of the branches in April-May.

Suggested companions: cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpum*), buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*), winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*).

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 1-3' H
1-3' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Shrubby Wetland
Wet Meadow
Swamp/ Bog

Soil: Very Damp/Wet
Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Sandy/ Gravelly

Exposure: sun

Flower Color:

White

Bloom Time:

April
May

Other Attributes:

Winter interest

Plant in:

Groundcover: No